

OLVER PLEADS FOR UN PEACEKEEPING IN DARFUR ON HOUSE FLOOR

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WASHINGTON - Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to plead for the survival of the people of Darfur. Despite a peace agreement signed in 2000, the violence has continued to escalate.

"Twelve years ago, the world stood by as ethnic war erupted in nearby Rwanda. One hundred days later, the world had forgotten about the genocide.

"Without swift intervention, Darfur may soon erupt into a scene as deadly. Today's poorly trained and equipped UN peacekeepers are not enough.

"Sudan must allow the UN peacekeepers to end the government sponsored genocide. President Bush must lead the world in demanding that Sudan comply.

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